

Mirror editorials, etc.

Paving is good

It was with a great deal of relief that we learned last week that a section of heavily-traveled West Side street would be paved either late this fall or early next spring by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT).

Although half of the road was oiled early this summer season, the road has been the scene of dust clouds drifting across nearby homes, the new West Side Hose Co., and the West Side Park.

Not only then was the unpaved section of street connecting Hospital Street with North Scott Street uncomfortable to ride over, but also a health hazard due to its floating clouds of dust.

And when we say it is heavily traveled, we mean just that as 18-wheelers and other heavy trucks have to use the street since they can not use the Dundaff Street Viaduct.

And that viaduct!

Since we have already mentioned the Dundaff Street Viaduct, we think it only fair that it receive its fair share of criticism in this week's editorials.

How long has it been since the city first began fighting to have it taken down?

Five years? Six years? Perhaps, even longer ago than that.

No matter how long ago it was that the city first sought to have the deteriorating structure torn down, we hope that PennDOT does not dilly dally come the spring.

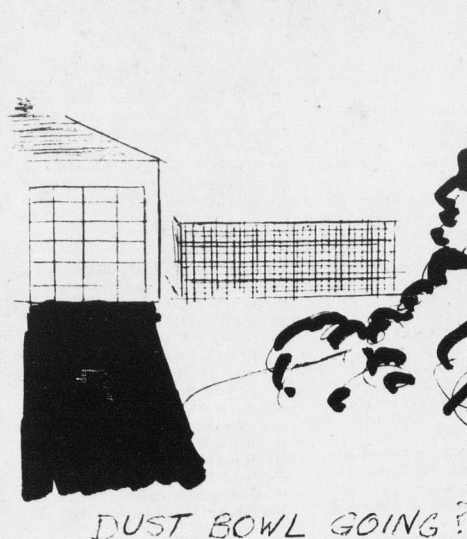
It is at that time that we are told that PennDOT will begin demolishing the bridge over the Delaware and Hudson Railway tracks.

Let's keep our cool

Of course, we realize that when the viaduct starts coming down, many residents are going to be inconvenienced by having to take a detour around the work site.

Right now we are asking motorists to remember—as the signs say—that this is a temporary inconvenience for a permanent improvement.

Keeping that in mind, we ask the cooperation of all so that the work can get finished and finished soon.



Tom Kenney — prose and verse

DOUBLE XX MAXX

I have a temporary tenant; his name is Maxx. He's black and he's white, has two green eyes, and a long bushy tail that he tries to hide. He's fun and he's quick, a playful little guy. He runs after birds aloft in the sky. He doesn't eat much, just tuna and eggs, at breakfast time, he'll stand by and beg. He's not very big, and he lays in his lair, with his belly full and his paws in the air.

From first in the morning till last at night, he plays in the garden to children's delight. As a child's friend, he's an excellent pet, only weighs three pounds, and that's soaking wet.

Though cute and cuddly and I'd like to cling, Double XX Maxx is at the end of his string. So if you'll give him a home and lots of food, with lots of love and tuna too, just write the "Mirror" and I'll give him to you.

And you'll have a pet for a long time to come. Lots of company he'll make, he'll give lots of fun.

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Good luck

The Mirror:

Good luck to all and God bless.

Kathryn Hoise
Carbonade

Women set fall festival

The Women's Association of the First Presbyterian Church will hold its fall festival on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 7-9 p.m., at the church, 414 S. Main St., Carbondale, Pa. 18407. The festival will feature a fund-raising dinner, a silent auction, and a raffle. Tickets are \$5.00. For additional information, call 282-0786.

MS. waters VS.

By NAN WATERS

When you start bantering after the Good Old Days, it means you're over the hill, right?

Like Miss Jean Brodie, we like to believe we're in our prime. Or something closely approximating it. But have you seen to the movies lately?

Bear in mind, we're a product of the long lines around the corner at the Irving Theatre. We go back to the era when the Legion of Decency, the film censors and the American public became concerned when Rhet Butler turned away from Scarlett O'Hara in GWTW and uttered, "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn." Having seen the great David O. Selznick epic at least seven or eight times on both big and little screens, we remember the flap about Clark Gable's mouthing of the epithet "damn."

Clark Gable may have just turned over in his grave. And all the early movie makers as well, may just be spinning in the depths of Forrest Lawn.

Our annoyance is not with the R-rated dialogue and action. We know what we were getting into before we entered the theater. We like to think of ourselves as fairly sophisticated, mature broad-minded and tolerant. And personally we do not believe in censorship in any form. As a matter of fact, that argument was pretty much the basis for one of the films we saw the other evening, "First Monday" in October.

The story depicts the appointment of the

Reflections ...



THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION photo shows the West Side Playground Association about two decades ago. Seated, from left, are Mrs. A. Siranni, secretary; Mrs. Mary Gillotti, Mrs. Alice Leo, vice president; Mrs. Vickie Galko, president; Mrs. Katherine Ceria, Mrs. Angie Grande (deceased); Mrs. Elsie Bruno, and Mrs. Angie Ross (deceased). Standing, same order, are Mrs. Eleanor Cino, Mrs. Mary Lou Cino, Mrs. Carmella Chellino, Mrs. Mary Donato (deceased), Mrs. Mary Chellino, Mrs. Rose Claus, treasurer; Mrs. Mary Leo (deceased), Mrs. Angie Scarpino, Mrs. Carolina Anelli, Mrs. Mary Cotrono (deceased). For additional information see story this page. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. Elsie Bruno)

More on West Side playground group

The Reflection photograph this week shows the West Side Playground Association in the field house which was torn down as part of the West Side Minefire Project. The association has been in existence since 1948.

The new playground is located on Shamrock Avenue. Since the photograph was taken Mrs. Rose Tolerio and Mrs. Mary Ceria have joined the association and are active members.

As one member told the MIRROR, "These ladies are the greatest group of ladies ever. Their devotion to the association proves their love not only for their own children and others, but even now for grandchildren — theirs and others."

Modern Bony Fish

MIAMI, Fla. — Modern bony fish have skeletons composed largely of bone. These fish account for some 95 percent of all fish. There are 20,000 species in the group. These fish are found in both fresh and salt water.

Mirror consumer news

Nationwide survey serves as basis for jewelry-buying tips

To find out what questions the average consumer most frequently asks of jewelers, the Jewelry Industry Council did a nationwide survey of its retail membership.

"We found the public is looking for quality goods, and they want to be better informed when they consider buying fine jewelry," reported Morton Saret, Council president.

The two categories that were of most interest to the public were diamonds and gold, he reported. "The consumer wants to know: what does karat mean? ... gold filled? ... gold overlay?"

Diamonds sparked the same type of inquiries, relating to quality and value. It is indeed encouraging to learn that the average consumer wants to be as informed as the jeweler, and takes the trouble to learn more about what he spends his dollars on," Saret declared.

A service to the public, the Council has taken the most asked questions on the survey and compiled the following information on gold and diamonds for consumers' information.

DIAMONDS

Diamonds are rated according to what jewelers call "the four C's" — cut, color, clarity and carat.

Cut refers to the shape of the diamond — brilliant (round), rectangular, pear, heart, oval or boat-shaped (marquise) — and to the skill and precision of the cutting.

A full cut diamond has 58 facets, 33 above the girdle or outer edge, and 25 below. A "perfect cut" refers not to the number of facets (that is standard), but to their angles and the proportions of the stone.

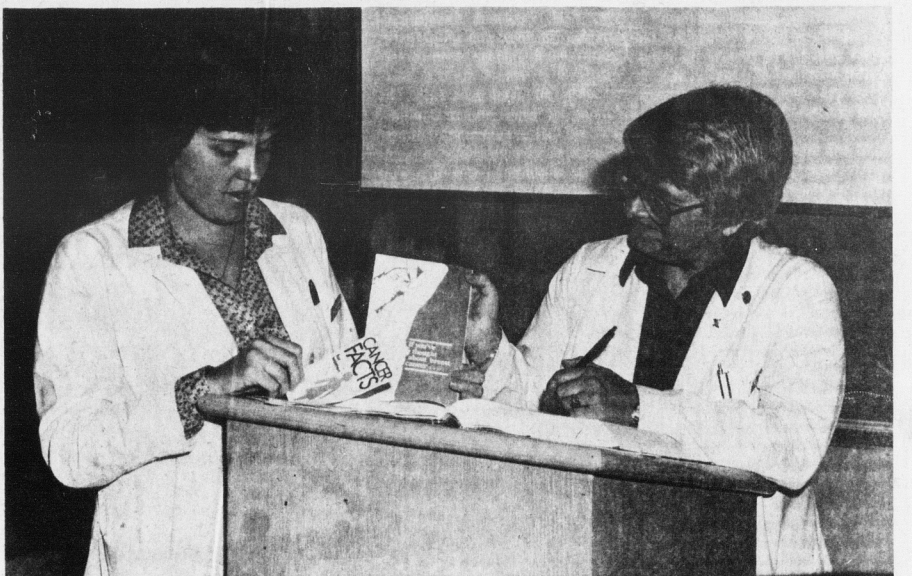
Color, which many think is the most important determinant of diamond value. The ideal diamond is crystal clear, but such stones are exceedingly rare. Most are tinged with yellow or brown. This may detract from the diamond's value, but usually doesn't diminish its spectacular sparkle.

Clarity refers to the diamond's internal quality. A flawless diamond shows no inclusions when viewed under 10 power magnification.

Ninety-nine percent of diamonds over one-half carat have some flaws, tiny white spots, or dark carbon spots, nicks, cracks, or cloudy areas. As with a slight tinge of color, inclusions lessen a diamond's value, but seldom detract from their beauty.

Ask to examine some diamonds under your jeweler's 10 power loupe. You'll be able to see the small "inclusions" that make each stone unique.

Carat, of course, is the diamond weight. A carat equals 1/142nd of an ounce or 200 milligrams. Each carat is divided into 100 points; thus, a half carat weighs 50 points. The name "Carat" comes from the carob seed which is so uniform in weight that it was once used to weigh diamonds.



PATIENCE EDUCATORS at St. Joseph's Hospital, Carbondale. Jeanie Decker, RN, left, and Jan Corbett, RN, go over literature available at special program dealing with breast self-examination under the Community Health Information Programs (CHIPS). Program was held Thursday at Marian Hall lecture room. (MIRROR photo by Al Daugevilo)

Artisan auxiliary will hold dance

Members of the Auxiliary to the Artisan Fire Company of Jermy will sponsor a Halloween dance at the Fire hall, Maple Street, from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, Oct. 30.

Beverly Nolly is general chairman, and Joanne Casullo, co-chairman, according to an announcement by Auxiliary president Arlene Deane.

A buffet will be provided, along with an open bar. Halloween costumes are optional, and prizes will be awarded for best costumes.

Tickets, at \$15 a couple, or \$7.50 a person, may be obtained in advance by calling Ms. Nolly at 876-0000. Charlene McAndrews at 876-1414 or Joan Langman, 876-3974. The group Trinity will provide music for dancing.

Bloodmobile visit scheduled

Mrs. Ann Finan, executive director, Carbondale-Forest City Chapter of the American Red Cross, announces the next bloodmobile visit will be at First Presbyterian Church, Carbondale, Monday, Oct. 5, from 11:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

All able-bodied persons between 17 and 65 are asked to give blood at this time. The quota is 115 pints. This amount is needed to maintain an adequate supply to the area's hospitals.

All first-time donors will be more than welcome.

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Trusky has trio of roles in play

Deborah Trusky has been cast in Scranton Public Theatre's upcoming production of "The Good Doctor" by Neil Simon. The play, which opened on Broadway in 1973, is a series of seven comic vignettes based upon the stories of playwright Anton Chekov.

Mrs. Trusky will be playing a trio of diverse roles including "Julia," the back ward governess in the section called "The Governess," a young bride pursued by the world's greatest seducer of men's wives in "The Seduction," and a madame of ill repute in "The Arrangement."

She recently completed a performance as "Hester" in Standing Room Only Players production of "Fiddler on the Roof."

She holds a bachelor of arts degree in theatre from Bloomsburg State College and is a member of Alpha Psi Omega, the national honorary fraternity for dramatics. The Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic Chorus, The Forest City Art Chorus, and St. Anthony's Church Choir.

Mrs. Lloyd named early childhood director

Elizabeth J. C. Lloyd of Jermy has been appointed director of the Scranton Y.W.C.A. early childhood department, according to Elizabeth Cereskevits, executive director.

Mrs. Lloyd is a graduate of Worcester State College and holds a B.A. degree in early childhood with a minor in psychology.

Triple M plans flea market

The Triple M Club of the First United Methodist Church of Carbondale will hold a flea market at the church parking lot on Oct. 3, at 10 a.m.

Anyone wishing to rent a space may call Minam Heath, 282-3367.

A buffet-style barbecue — all you can eat — will be served at 4:30 p.m. at the church.

Unions endorse Spósito for council

International Association of Machinists and Aero Space Workers, AFL-CIO and CLC Local 1653, has endorsed Anthony Spósito, 50 Farview St., Carbondale, for a four-year council seat for the City of Carbondale.

Spósito is running on the Republican ticket.

Jubilee group will meet

All parishioners are asked to attend. Anyone having old pictures or mementoes of the church or church activities is asked to bring them to this meeting.

News Club will hear Derry Bird

The Carbondale News Club will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 8 p.m., at the home of Margaret Malone.

The speaker will be Derry Bird, news writer for WDAU-TV 22.

ANTHONY SPÓSITO